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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with Newsweek Correspondent Tacky Kirkis

1. When I was in New York on 6 January to attend the Council on Foreign Relations meeting on the Economy of China I met one "Tacky" Kirkis who is covering China for Newsweek. Kirkis mentioned he had heard of me through Bob Oxnam of the Asia Society in New York and through Maynard Parker, National Editor of Newsweek.

2. Kirkis was doing a piece on provincial troubles in China. He had been collecting information from academic contacts, from the RAND Corporation and from others. He wanted my views of the situation and any details I could provide. I gave Kirkis an overview of the situation and then discussed several of the provinces drawing on FBIS material and other overt data.

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3. He expressed appreciation for my comments. I told him he should not refer to either Government or intelligence analysts in describing what I had said and that my comments were for deep background only.

4. Afterwards I met briefly with Maynard Parker, an old friend, and discussed the general situation in China with him.

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